

Abstract

A computer program and method is provided that enables professional advisors, as well as individuals, to improve their understanding of the risks associated with long-term health care in effort to make informed decisions regarding long-term care insurance. The computer program and method projects an economic impact of long-term care costs on personal assets of an estate based upon a hypothetical fact scenario. In one aspect of the invention, tax consequences and other costs associated with the liquidation and sale of personal assets to pay long-term care costs are included in the determination of the economic impact. In another aspect of the invention, the computer program and method simultaneously determines both an insured hypothetical economic impact and an uninsured hypothetical economic impact on personal assets for any given hypothetical fact scenario. In yet another aspect of the invention, the economic impact is determined as a function of time.

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